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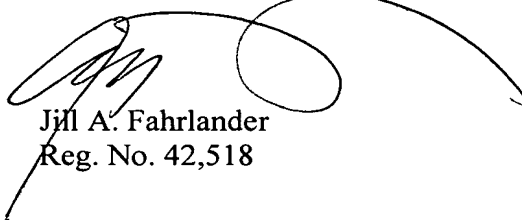
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in the above-identified application. It is believed that no additional fee is required. Also enclosed is a one month extension of time.

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-noted application, and in response to the third non-final Office Action mailed November 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment, reconsideration on the merits, and allowance of the claims. This submission is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time, extending the period for reply from February 17, 2004 to March 17, 2004, and by the requisite fee.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 13.